tisements and publicity as a result of which the prices of cigarettes are increasing;

(b) if so, the amount spent on the publicity and advertisement of the packets of each cigarette company;

(c) whether the Government contemplate to check the increasing prices of cigarettes by imposing a ban on the expenditure on publicity incurred by these companies;

(d) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this regard so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Government is aware that the cigarette companies do incur certain expenditure on advertisement. However, no centralized information regarding such specific expenditures of each cigarette company is available.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. There is no statutory control on prices of cigarettes and neither is it considered essential to bring the industry under such a price control.

[*English*]

**Plan Funds to Public Sector Undertakings**

4855. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for sanctioning the Plan funds to Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether the sanctioned plan funds have to be utilised only for specific purposes;

(c) whether any utilisation certificate/ proforma has to be submitted quarterly/half-yearly by the Undertakings to the Union Government against the sanctioned money and its utilisation;

(d) if so, the details of the points involved while submitting the certificate;

(e) whether any undertaking can utilise the plan money for other purposes also; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Plan funds to public sector undertakings are sanctioned on the basis of projects/proposals received from the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments and after examining in consultation with them.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Real Income of a Farmer**

4856. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the latest ratio of average income from Agricultural sector to non-Agricultural sector as compared to that in 1970-71;

(b) whether the real income of a farmer is coming down as compared to the people working in other sectors of the economy; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to increase the real income of the farmer?